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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 10th August 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the colck, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Unemployment Relief Fund

* 91 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to set up Unemployment Relief Fund?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No.

House Rent Allowance for lecturers

* 92 *Q.*—DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any grant is given to City Colleges towards the House Rent Allowance for lecturers employed in it;

(*b*) if so, the rate of House Rent Allowance granted to them; and

(*c*) whether there is any Government machinery to see that these grants reach the lecturers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No;

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it fact that certain lecturers working in Government Colleges are getting this house rent allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, as Government servants, they are getting allowances to which other Government servants are entitled.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Do the Government consider the necessity of granting the same advantage to those who are working in the private colleges, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do appreciate, Sir. But it is for the management to consider that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that lecturers as well as teachers living in urban areas are hard hit by the non-grant of this allowance for the past 19 years? As there

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is a promise by the Government to this House that this matter is under consideration, may I know whether this question has been followed up by the Government, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, what promise was given in this House. But so far as the college lecturers are concerned, the managements also should realise their responsibility and see what they could do by way of giving relief to the teachers and lecturers.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government prepared to share their portion if the managements come forward to grant it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, what the Government's liability would be. If the managements take up the proposal and come to the Government, the Government can look into it.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Has the University Grants Commission allotted any grant towards this, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know whether the University Grants Commission allots any grant towards house rent allowance?

T.S.L.C. Examination

* 93 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the T.S.L.C. examination for the Non-Basic Course is held twice a year (March and September):

(*b*) whether it is a fact that only one examination is held in a year in the case of Basic Course; and

(*c*) if so, whether there is any proposal to have the examination twice a year for the Basic Course also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) yes.

(*c*) No.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the year or years during which the basic examinations were held twice, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Basic 1961 and Basic 1955 were *Ad hoc* schemes. These are the schemes for which examinations were held.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, whether examinations are held twice a year in respect of the basic T.S.L.C. Course?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.